

## Entry Form for English Classes

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You discover that you have been left a property by your Aunt Marge who recently passed away. Marge was rather famous in the world of riddlers and although she lived as a recluse and you never actually met her in person, her love of games and puzzles is still legendary.

### Puzzle 1:

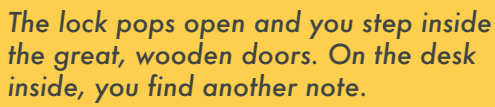
You're not surprised when you discover that Aunt Marge's will has an unusual stipulation. You will only inherit the property if you can successfully enter and exit the house without breaking any of the combination locks or smashing any of the windows. You are feeling confident so decide to venture down to the house for the weekend. How hard can this be...?

When you reach the house you notice that the front door has a large combination lock on it. Pinned to the door is a note which reads:

Welcome child! Before you can set foot in my house it is about time you learned a little about capital acquisition tax, or 'inheritance tax', as it was called in my day. This house is worth €210,000. You must pay tax of 33% on the balance above the threshold of €32,500. How much tax must you pay before you can move in?



This 5 digit answer is the combination to open the door and enter the house!



**This** final clue is hidden within these words. You must try to **figure** out the six-letter word to unlock the remaining door. **Of** all the challenges, this will test your ability to analyse **speech** and force you to recall some times when all that **is** obvious will not be all that appears. For those that can **smile** while they ponder this puzzle, I offer you this clue: **with** all the words swirling around the world right now, **an** idea would be to look at all sides of this question, for **I** always like to think that lateral thinking ran in this family!

*Not quite finished, yet child. I can get lonely here. You must write a letter for me to read in 10 years... Your letter must tell me about three things - a new person you have met, an adventure and a question for me to ponder.*

*Remember, I've always enjoyed fun, exciting antics so be bold and get scribbling. Keep your letter to fewer than 200 words; my time is precious, child.*

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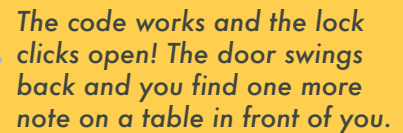
Well done, child.

Now, back to your next challenge. As a child myself I was rather solitary, spending hours in the library, pouring over books in the hopes of finding clues or hidden messages. Never stop looking for these signs, child! They're out there! They're all around us, if people would only take the trouble to look...

*This next clue is hidden within these very words. Try to figure out the six-letter word to unlock the remaining door.*

**Answer:**

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*How will I read your tale? Well that's a secret for another day... Good luck, child. Your Aunt Marge*

